

All I Want for Christmas

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Have you made your Christmas list yet? Not what you are giving anyone for Christmas. I want to know if you have a list of what you want for Christmas. Each year, it seems to be a challenge to decide what you are going to get some people for Christmas. Some people are easy to buy for. Others have tastes or hobbies that make it difficult to purchase items for them. Other people seem to have everything, so you wonder what you could possibly give them that they don't already have.

Several years ago, there was a song that all a young child wanted for Christmas was his two front teeth. Personally, I don't think I'm interested in replacing any of my teeth, but there are few things that I really need. I am much like Phil Golinski. Phil is easy to please. In fact, he probably would be happy just receiving golf balls for Christmas. I've play golf with him and he and I both lose a lot of them. Between the two of us, we are keeping golf ball production up.

In all honesty, there is probably nothing in this world that I need. There are a few things I would like to have, but I really don't need anything. God has been very good to me and my wife and we have everything we need. All anyone really needs is adequate shelter, food and transportation. We have more than we could have ever asked for in those areas. So if we have more than we need, what do we really want for Christmas?

What I want for Christmas is for people to truly experience Christmas. I believe that it is not enough to just talk about the true meaning of Christmas. It is not enough to remember the Christ-child who was born in a manger. We stop short if we remember that He came to redeem us from our sin. We haven't gotten there yet even if we learn that He gave His life for us and was raised from the dead. It still isn't enough to know that the Bible teaches that Jesus is coming again.

In order to really get there, we have to experience Christmas for ourselves. We can't just hear about the angels' message to the shepherds. We must hear the message to us that Jesus was born in a manger to be our Savior. We must not just read about the Magi traveling to adore and worship the child, Jesus. We must seek him for ourselves. We must offer Him gifts appropriate to worship of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We must also offer him our gold, our possessions, our hearts.

What I really want for Christmas is for you to not just remember the true meaning of Christmas, but to experience it for yourself. Then, you will know peace on this earth and will practice good will toward all people.

Semper Fi in the Lord and I hope to see you in Church on Sunday.